News-Item Captioned Born again for Rs. 1200/-

2532. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Statesman (Delhi) dated the May 16th, 1992, captioned "Born again for Rs. 1,200," mentioning rampant corruption in the birth and death certification office of NDMC; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to check the existing corruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Municipal Committee has informed that in order to improve the system of registration of births and deaths and to prevent the issue of fake certificates, the followings teps have been taken :—

i. The nine Centres for Birth and Death Registration under NDMC have been provided with only numbered stationery which is kept under lock & key in the Centre. Proper record is maintained regularly for stationery.

ii. Central Receipt Register is maintained properly in respect of applications, money received and issuance/despatch of birth/death certificates in the concerned centres.

iii. Birth and Death certificates are issued under the signature and stamp of the Centre by the concerned Sub-Registrar which is countersigned by the Registrar (Births & Deaths). Only those officers are allowed to sign the certificates whose signatures have already been kept in the record with the Statistical Assistant.

iv. Birth & Death Certificate is issued within three working days of the receipt of the application. A proforma has been prescribed for the convenience of the public which is available with all Sub-Registrars.

v. Registrar (Birth & Death) is required to make atleast one visit per weak to all sub-centres.

vi. A notice has been displayed at every sub-centre that in case of any complaint, the public can approach the prescribed authorities.

vii. The work to computerise the issue of Birth/Death certificates has also been taken up.

Slum clearance scheme in Metropolitan Cities

2533. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV

SHRI SURENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the special attention is given in slum clearance scheme in different Metropolitan cities of India i.e. Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bombay is the greatest city of a slum in the world ;

(c) what special plan is being made to remove slum from Bombay during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Special attention is being given towards in-situ slum improvement rather than slum clearance in the said cities.

(b) The estimate of slum population in 1990 in Bombay is 4·12 millions. This is less than the slum population in some other cities.

(c) and (d) 'Urban Development' is a state subject and specific schemes of slum improvement are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities. The present policy of the Government lays emphasis on the environmental improvement of slums rather than massive clearance and relocation. The schemes where under funds as provided for slum improvement are given below :

(i) Under the State sector scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), basic amenities like low cost water supply, drainage, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of lanes and street lighting are provided in urban slums. The EIUS is an intergral part of the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) in urban areas. For the year 1992-93, an amount of Rs. 12·17 crores has been allocated for Maharashtra in the State's Annual Plan for the said programme.

(ii) The World Bank assisted Bombay Urban Development Project has a component of slum improvement worth Rs. 23·74 crores. Expenditure reported upto 31-3-1992 is Rs. 5·54 crores.

Newsitem Captioned "Government Militants' Connivance Alleged"

2534. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Economic Times of 6h June, 1992 under the Caption "Government-militants' connivance alleged";

(b) whether Government are aware that the officials of the J & K Government Department particularly PWD in connivance with contractors/militants misappropriated large sums of moneyi from State exchequer in respect of many works which have been shown as completed and bills drawn at the point of mtlitant's gun ;

(c) if so, what are the details of such works which have been shown as completed and the amount of bills drawn during each of the last three years whereas such works have not actually been completed ; and

(d) whether Governmen have made an enquiry into the matter and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of Land to Rajya Sabha/ Lok Sabha Secretariats for Construction of Houses

2535. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact th Government have allotted a lan